

In 1961 approximately 70 percent of the \$7.3 million in farm income was derived from field crops. Even though the county is relatively small in size, it ranks high in the value of field crops sold. In 1961 the county ranked 41 among the 100 counties in value of field crops sold, a significant increase over its rank of 46 in 1955.

According to the county extension staff, farm income will increase greatly during the next few years. It is estimated that the county farm income will increase almost 22 percent between 1961 and 1967 or increase to \$8.8 million in 1966.

Tobacco is expected to remain the most important farming enterprise in the county. In 1960, eighty percent of the farm income from

crops came from tobacco. Tobacco is not only an important source of farm income, the crop contributes to the economy of Sanford in a tangible way.

The Sanford tobacco market not only provides seasonal employment for people in the area, it draws farmers to the city at a most important time, a time when they have the most money. Evidently, the tobacco market is drawing more farmers to the city each year.

In 1957 the 4.5 million pounds sold on the Sanford market represented only 0.7 percent of all the flue-cured tobacco sold in N. C. during that year. During this past marketing season 12.6 million pounds were sold on the market. This amounted to 1.4 percent of all the sales in the State in 1962.